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SUBJ: PROPAGANDIST'S ESTIMATE OF SOVIET GRAIN HARVEST

1. LENINGRAD ZNZNIYE (KNOWLEDGE) SOCIETY PROPAGANDIST, SPEAKING ON STATE OF ECONOMY AT AUGUST 27 EVENING PRESENTATION, VENTURED AN ESTIMATE ON THE PROBABLE SOVIET GRAIN HARVEST FOR 1975. HE FIRST NOTED THAT EARLY JUNE PROGNOSIS HAD BEEN FAVORABLE WITH EXPECTATIONS OF 210 TO 215 MILLION TONS; HOWEVER, DROUGHT CONDITIONS IN PRINCIPAL GROWING AREAS, ESPECIALLY UKRAINE, HAD ADVERSE EFFECT. IN VIEW OF THIS, AND DEPENDING ON HOW MUCH GRAIN OBTAINED FROM EASTERN AREAS OF SOVIET UNION, PROPAGANDIST SAID GRAIN HARVEST WILL PROBABLY BE AROUND 190 MILLION TONS.

2. CONGEN REMINDS THAT PROPAGANDIST'S ESTIMATE SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE TAKEN AS AUTHORITATIVE SINCE A) IT IS STILL EARLY AND B) HE WAS PROBABLY PUTTING BEST POSSIBLE FACE ON THIS PERENIALLY SENSITIVE MATTER.

3. SPEAKER ALSO STATED THAT SOVIET UNION PURCHASED 700,000 TONS OF MEAT ABROAD IN 1974 AND WOULD PURCHASE ABOUT 800,000 TONS IN CURRENT YEAR, "ALMOST ENTIRELY ON BARTER BASIS".

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